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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 4306

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS EC  
SUBJ: ECUADOREAN INTEREST IN US AIRCRAFT

REF: QUITO 4201

1. ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE REPS WHO ATTENDED ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) SOCIAL FUNCTION JUNE 28, INDICATED TO FAE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ABAD AND FAE-1COL. VASCONEZ THAT ISSUE OF ECUADOR'S AIR DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON AND WE HOPED FOR A DECISION IN NEAR FUTURE. BOTH EXPRESSED THEMSELVES AS GRATIFIED THAT US WAS TAKING AN INTEREST. VASCONEZ SEEMED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF BEING ABLE TO CHOOSE AMERICAN PLANES. ABAD, HOWEVER, WAS MORE RESERVED, STATING THAT ALTHOUGH HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD PRESENT AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE PACKAGE, HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY COME TOO LATE TO BE COMPETITIVE.

2. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED US OFFICES TO INFORM ABAD AND VASCONEZ THAT US DECISION WAS IMMINENT IN ORDER TO DETERGOE FROM MAKING DECISIONS IN FRENCH-ISRAELI-BRITISH PACKAGE BEFORE US HAS HAD A CHANCE TO PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL, IF  
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THAT IS TO BE RESULT OF CURRENT WASHINGTON REVIEW.

3. ABAD, WHO HAS LEANED TOWARD US EQUIPMENT IN THE PAST, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM FRANCE, AND MAY NOW BE COMMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN PACKAGE (REFTEL). HOWEVER, FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE IN CONSULTATION WITH GROUP OF 19 FAE OFFICERS AND VASCONEZ' REACTION SUGGESTS THAT RESPECTABLE US OFFER STILL

MIGHT STAND A CHANCE.  
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